

DIARY NOTES

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At about 0940 hours the Director telephoned me at home and seemed quite excited about a rather sensitive paper which had been opened in the Watch Office by the SIDO and copies reproduced. I came to the Headquarters building and talked with the Director to get the facts, the gist of which is as follows: (a) The paper had to do with a very high level and sensitive meeting at the White House about which the President had admonished everyone not to talk with anyone not at the meeting; (b) the Pentagon sent over a "McNamara" paper, which was delivered to the Watch Office; (c) it was not marked "Eyes Only" or in any other way which would indicate that it should not be opened; (d) the Watch Officer opened it, recognized its sensitivity, and held it closely; however, he did make three copies because he had been told yesterday by the Director that he wanted Mr. Kent to see this paper the next morning; (e) when the Director learned that copies had been made, he became very excited and wanted the copying machine replaced immediately, examined for possible technical penetration, etc. He also wanted all the personnel who had touched this paper to be security-checked immediately and wanted the system of handling papers reviewed without delay. I called Howard Osborn, who came to the office, and together we went to the Watch Office and discussed the incident with [REDACTED], the Senior Duty Officer. We also looked at the copying machine, which was not a Xerox. I telephoned the Director and told him that I thought he need not worry about technical penetration since this was not a Xerox machine. In any case, under the guise of maintenance a security technician immediately examined the machine thoroughly. Howard also made security checks of the four employees who had handled the paper and, of course, they all had good, clear security records. (On 28 June I talked with both Dick Helms and Ray Cline about surveying the procedure for handling papers in the Watch Office. Ray's nose was quite far out of joint, and he wanted to assemble the papers and have me review them before a security officer or anybody else surveyed their procedures. I told him that this was entirely acceptable to me but that I felt he might as well recognize we would not get off the hook until we show the Director a written SOP and he approves it. At the close of business on 28 June I still had not received Ray's paper.)

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